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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was greatly pleased to note that a proposed settlement for the Microsoft antitrust case has been announced. The terms of the settlement appear reasonable and fair to all concerned parties.

Microsoft has agreed to make their Windows interfaces and protocol available to competitors so that they may attach their non-Microsoft products. Microsoft has also agreed to allow a committee to monitor their progress in complying with all provisions of the settlement.

At this point, the IT industry needs to be able to move on and develop technologies without the burden of further litigation. I am in full support of the proposed settlement that is currently before the court. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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